

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method of providing a machine-readable indicia on a media having a protective overlayer comprising the steps of:
  - a) providing a [1<sup>st</sup>] first machine-readable indicia in an image layer on said media; and
  - b) providing a [2<sup>nd</sup>] second machine-readable indicia in a protective overlayer that is identical in content to, and in register with said [1<sup>st</sup>] first machine-readable indicia in said image layer.
  
2. (currently amended) A method of providing indicia on a media having a protective overlayer comprising the steps of:
  - a) providing a [1<sup>st</sup>] first machine-readable indicia in an image layer on said media; and
  - b) providing a [2<sup>nd</sup>] second machine-readable indicia in a protective overlayer that is identical in content to, and in register with said [1<sup>st</sup>] first machine-readable indicia in said image layer.